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(B) STATE 160739

(C) STATE 228981

(D) DUBLIN 1498

(E) DUBLIN 1296

(F) STATE 188022

(G) DUBLIN 1223

1. USG BELIEVES IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE TO REOPEN BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS ON IRISH MOTOR VEHICLE IMPORT RESTRAINTS. LANGUAGE OF GOI NOTE OF DECEMBER 14 TO EFFECT THAT MATTER NOW TO BE DEALT WITH ONLY IN GATT FRAMEWORK (REF A) INDILIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CATES GOI MAYHAVE MISUNDERSTOOD MEANING OF US GATT NOTI-

FICATION. INSTRUCTION BELOW IS BASED ON THAT PREMISE. IF EMBASSY HAS DIFFERENT VIEW ON HOW TO PROCEED, PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST.

2. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO INFORMALLY APPROACH APPROPRIATE GOI OFFICIAL AND EXPLAIN THAT US NOTIFIED THE IRISH RESTRICTION ON MOTOR VEHICLE IMPORTS TO THE GATT COMMITTEE ON TRADE IN INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS FOR INCLUSION IN ITS INVENTORY OF NON-TARIFF BARRIERS TO TRADE (NTBS). THE IRISH RESTRICTION WAS ONE OF A NUMBER OF NEW US NTB

NOTIFICATIONS. THE NOTIFICATION WAS MADE IN RESPONSE TO A ROUTINE GATT REQUEST TO UPDATE ITS NTB INVENTORY. THIS NOTIFICATION DOES NOT IMPLY EITHER THAT THE US INTENDS TO DEAL WITH THIS MATTER IN A MULTILATERAL CONTEXT AT THIS TIME OR THAT BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS COULD NOT RESOLVE THIS MATTER.

3. AS PER OUR NOTE (REF B) AND VERBAL REPRESENTATION (REF C), WE REGARD THE IRISH RESTRICTION ON AUTOMOTIVE IMPORTS IN VIOLATION OF GATT ARTICLE XI AND THE OPENING UP OF A QUOTA FOR OTHER EC MEMBER STATES ONLY IN VIOLATION OF GATT ARTICLE XIII. (US PLANS TO NOTIFY ARTICLE XIII PROBLEM TO THE GATT SHORTLY.) WRITTEN AND ORAL REPRESENTATIONS WERE SUBMITTED TO GOI TO REQUEST THAT MOTOR VEHICLE IMPORT RESTRICTIONS BE MODIFIED OR ELIMINATED IF THEY CANNOT BE JUSTIFIED UNDER GATT PROVISIONS. THE GOI REPLY (REF A), HOWEVER, WAS NOT RESPONSIVE TO THESE REPRESENTATIONS.

4. EMBASSY SHOULD AGAIN ASK GOI TO JUSTIFY ITS ACTIONS UNDER GATT OBLIGATIONS AND TO RESPOND SPECIFICALLY TO THOSE POINTS RAISED IN THE US WRITTEN AND ORAL REPRESENTATIONS (REF B AND REF C). EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO ASK WHAT GOI INTENTIONS ARE REGARDING SCHEME IN 1985 (I.E., WILL SCHEME BE ELIMINATED FOR COMMUNITY VEHICLES ONLY?). ALSO, WOULD GOI CONSIDER EXPANDING PRESENT COMMUNITY QUOTA TO INCLUDE ALL COUNTRIES, BEGINNING THIS YEAR AND CONTINUING THROUGH 1985? KISSINGER

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